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Examiner: Peter Szekely

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Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

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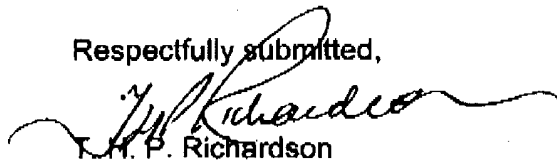
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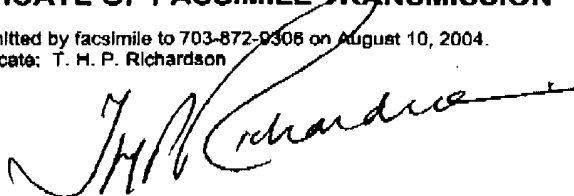
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